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ICE DEPORTS 85 MEXICAN NATIONALS ON WEEKLY FLIGHT

Man wanted on murder charges in Mexico turned over to authorities at border

CHICAGO — A member of the Norteños 14 street gang wanted for murder in Mexico was one of 85 Mexican nationals deported last Friday by U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as part of its weekly removals.

More than two-thirds of those removed, 63, had criminal convictions ranging from homicide and sexual assault to drug possession and burglary.



Jorge Delgado-Fernandez, 19, is an illegal alien and a documented member of the violent Norteños 14 street gang. He was previously deported from the United States in March. After illegally re-entering the U.S. in April he was re-arrested for disorderly conduct and returned to court to face charges in Kane County for unlawful use of a blackjack, for which he was convicted Nov. 8. While he was in state custody, the Elgin police received an anonymous tip that Delgado-Fernandez was wanted in Mexico for murder. ICE special agents confirmed with the Mexican government that a warrant was outstanding in the state of Guanajuato for the murder of José de Jesus Raya Gonzalez. Delgado-Fernandez was turned over to Mexican authorities to face those charges on Friday.

"Our office ensures that the United States doesn't become a haven for criminal aliens," said Field Office Director Deborah Achim, who leads the ICE Chicago office. "ICE works daily to arrest and deport such criminals, especially those who are fugitives in their own countries. At the same time we help make our own communities safer. Criminal aliens are not welcome here." Achim oversees the Detention and Removal Operations program for a six-state arrest including: Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas and Missouri.

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ICE effects its deportations aboard both commercial and government aircraft. The government's aircraft is run by the U.S. Marshal Service and is called the Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System (JPATS). JPATS is one of the largest transporters of prisoners in the world and handles hundreds of requests every day to move prisoners and criminal aliens nationally and internationally.

There is an automatic 10-year bar against deported aliens from legally re-entering the U.S. Re-entering the U.S. after being formally deported is a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.